

### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior listings of claims presented in the application.

1. (currently amended): An interlabial pad for absorbing body fluid having  
~~an being formed into a substantially~~ elongated shape having a  
longitudinal direction and a lateral direction and being provided with a  
size, weight and flexibility adapted for use between the labia,  
comprising:
  - a surface sheet disposed on a face of the interlabial pad so as to face a  
wearer's body;
  - a back sheet disposed on an opposite face of the interlabial pad so as  
to face a wearer's garment;
  - an absorbent body enveloped between the surface sheet and the back  
sheet;
  - a mini-sheet extending from one lateral side to another lateral side of  
the interlabial pad and also having a length in a longitudinal direction of  
the back sheet;
  - a cavity for finger insertion formed in between the back sheet and the  
mini-sheet; and
  - a cavity opening for guiding a fingertip inserted therein to the  
remainder of the cavity, having a fingerbreadth of a wearer,

~~wherein said interlabial pad is provided with a body side face~~  
~~orientated to a body side and an opposite side face to the body side~~  
~~orientated to a garment side;~~

~~wherein said interlabial pad comprises a mini sheet piece striding~~  
~~from one portion to another portion at each side edge of both side edges~~  
~~taking the longitudinal direction of the interlabial pad as a central axis,~~  
~~and a finger insertion opening formed between the mini sheet piece and~~

~~said opposite side face to the body side, for directly securing the opening of the fingerbreadth of a wearer;~~

wherein ~~said the mini-sheet piece is disposed in a way to provided so that it covers a at least a portion (finger application point) of said opposite side face to the body side corresponding to an area (application point) of said surface side sheet applied to a predetermined position between the labia of the wearer that is in contact with a wearer's vagina;~~  
and

wherein ~~the mini-sheet is bonded at a peripheral edge to one end of the back sheet of the interlabial pad so as to form a pocket shaped finger insertion space said finger insertion opening serves for guiding a fingertip of the wearer to the application point.~~

2. (canceled).
3. (canceled).
4. (currently amended): The interlabial pad of claim 1, wherein at least a part of ~~said the mini-sheet piece~~ is stretchable or elastically extensible at least in respect to ~~said a~~ lateral direction of ~~said the~~ interlabial pad.
5. (currently amended): An The interlabial pad of claim 1, for absorbing body fluid having an elongated shape, comprising:
  - a surface sheet disposed on a face of the interlabial pad so as to face a wearer's body;
  - a back sheet disposed on an opposite face of the interlabial pad so as to face a wearer's garment;
  - an absorbent body enveloped between the surface sheet and the back sheet;
  - a mini-sheet extending from one lateral side to another lateral side of the interlabial pad and also having a length in a longitudinal direction of

the back sheet;

a cavity for finger insertion formed in between the back sheet and the mini-sheet; and

a cavity opening for guiding a fingertip inserted therein to the remainder of the cavity, having a fingerbreadth of a wearer,

wherein the mini-sheet is provided so that it covers a finger application point that is in contact with a wearer's vagina; and

wherein said the mini-sheet piece is formed of a pair of flap portions extending from lateral sides of the interlabial pad, across the back sheet, the mini-sheet having an affixing portion at an end of each flap portion in order to affix the end of each flap portion has a bonding portion in a portion striding across said opposite side face to the body side.

6. (currently amended): The interlabial pad of claim 1, ~~said interlabial pad comprising:~~

~~a surface-side sheet disposed on said body side face of the interlabial~~  
~~pad; and~~

~~— a back side sheet disposed on said opposite side face to the body~~  
~~side,~~

wherein the surface ~~side~~ sheet and the back ~~side~~ sheet are bonded to contain said absorbent body; and

wherein said the mini-sheet piece and said the interlabial pad are bonded at positions offset from and inside of the peripheral edge of the interlabial pad ~~a piece-bonding portion of each side of said both sides of said interlabial pad, the piece-bonding portion being other than a sheet-bonding portion at which said surface side sheet and said back side sheet are bonded.~~

7. (currently amended): The interlabial pad of claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ the mini-sheet ~~piece~~ has a length dimension at least 10 % longer than that of



14. (currently amended): The interlabial pad of claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ the pad ~~being~~ is composed of biodegradable material and/or water-soluble material and/or water dispersible material.
15. (previously presented): The interlabial pad of claim 1, wherein said interlabial pad is an interlabial pad for incontinence.
16. (previously presented): The interlabial pad of claim 1, wherein said interlabial pad is an interlabial pad for absorbing vaginal discharge.
17. (currently amended): An interlabial pad manufacturing method for manufacturing the interlabial pad of claim 5, comprising: ~~[[;]]~~  
    setting longer a pair of wings ordinarily disposed at both side portions of a sanitary napkin; and  
    bonding said wings to form said mini-sheet ~~piece~~.